



## Launch of the Equine Research Call

(12 January 2021)

The Department of Higher Education and Research at the Ministry of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research of Morocco, Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), and National Center for Scientific and Technical Research (CNRST)-Morocco, are pleased to announce the launch of the Equine Research Call. The awards in this call can go up to four years. The application budget may reach **US\$ 200,000** for a one-year project, **US\$ 400,000** for a two-year project, **US\$ 600,000** for a three-year project, and **US\$ 700,000** for a four-year project. For multi-year projects, the budget may not exceed **US \$250,000** in any year.

Proposals should be submitted through QNRF's submission channel at <https://oss.qgrants.org/>, the online submission channel, Q-Grants, will open on **12 January 2021, 12 pm**, Doha time (10:00 am Morocco time).

### The research priority areas of this call are:

- Study of the details of the biochemical and cellular pathways that underpin performance, immunology, reproduction, and infectious disease response in horses.
- The integration of genetic information with traditional breeding approaches.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- The Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) must be affiliated to an approved submitting institution inside Qatar or a Moroccan submitting institution **accredited by the Department of Higher Education and Research**.
- If the LPI is from an institution in Morocco, they must collaborate with a Co-LPI from an approved submitting institution inside Qatar. If the LPI is from Qatar, a Moroccan co-LPI must be identified and their Institution will be called the Moroccan submitting institution and will be responsible to sign the funding agreement with CNRST.

- **From the Qatari side**, the LPI from academic/research institution must be a researcher who holds a terminal degree as defined under the approved list of terminal degrees and has at least ten peer-reviewed publications.
- **From the Moroccan side**, the LPI from academic/research institution must be a researcher who holds a terminal degree **accredited by the Department of Higher Education and Research** and has at least ten peer-reviewed publications.
- The proposal must include key investigators from Qatar and Morocco.
- The LPI may collaborate with other principal investigators from institutions located in Qatar or Morocco only.

Other eligibility requirements, call guidelines, budget, and timeline are stated in the *call for proposal* (CFP) which is available along with the research plan template and the other related documents available online in the download center of the Equine Call at [Link](#).

### **Important dates**

<b>12 January 2021</b>	:	opening of the online proposal submission
<b>6 April 2021</b>	:	closing of the online proposal submission by LPI
<b>13 April 2021</b>	:	closing of the online research office vetting
<b>October/November 2021</b>	:	successful proposals notification

We have created a LinkedIn group titled, **Equine Research Call (QNRF-CNRST Joint Funding Call)** as a communication tool for participants from Qatar and Morocco to interact with each other and explore possible ways of collaboration. Thus, we would like to encourage you to join this group if you are looking for partners for this call.

For registration and proposal submission, please visit <https://oss.qgrants.org/>, and select the relevant program.

QNRF and CNRST will broadcast webinars to demonstrate the call parameters. Dates and venues will be announced and communicated in due course.

For enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us through: [equineresearch2020@cnrst.ma](mailto:equineresearch2020@cnrst.ma)